

Testimony by

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Senator Slap, Representative Elliott, and distinguished members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Office of Higher Education on House Bill 5130 - AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR NONPROFIT EMPLOYEES.

While the Office of Higher Education certainly supports **House Bill 6401** in concept and recognizes the value of such an initiative, the Office of Higher Education is currently unable to reprioritize staff time to comply with this legislation at the expense of other existing programs. Thank you for your time.